

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

1.-23 (Cancelled):

24. (Previously Presented): A liquid crystal display device, characterized in that:

liquid crystal is sealed between a first substrate and a second substrate which are disposed so as to oppose each other;

the first substrate has switching elements connected to gate signal lines and drain signal lines, pixel electrodes which are connected to the switching elements and made of a conductive material and a vertical orientation film for orienting the liquid crystal;

the second substrate has an opposing electrode which has orientation control windows at positions overlapping with the pixel electrodes to control the orientation of the liquid crystal and a vertical orientation film for orienting the liquid crystal;

the drain signal lines are disposed on the first substrate at positions that overlap with the orientation control window; and

the orientation control windows include a region which extends in a predetermined direction and the drain signal lines are disposed to overlap the extension region along the longitudinal direction of the extension region.

25.-39 (Cancelled).

40. (New): A liquid crystal display device according to claim 24, wherein

the orientation control window divides the orientation direction of the liquid crystal by generating an electric field which is inclined with respect to the normal line of the pixel electrode and/or the opposing electrode.

41. (New): A liquid crystal display device according to claim 24, wherein the liquid crystal has a negative anisotropy of dielectric constant, and the vertical orientation film is formed to cover the pixel electrode.

42. (New): A liquid crystal display device according to claim 24, wherein the orientation control window includes a region which overlaps the gate signal line.

43. (New): A liquid crystal display device according to claim 24, wherein storage capacitors are disposed so as to correspond to the pixel electrodes,

storage capacitor lines constituting the storage capacitors are disposed on the side of the first substrate, and

the orientation control window includes a region which overlaps the storage capacitor lines.

44. (New): A liquid crystal display device according to claim 24, wherein the vertical orientation film is rubbingless.